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Indiana Main Street Honors the Town of Plainfield with *2011 Best Design of Downtown Public Improvements Award*

ARCADIA, IN- Yesterday, Indiana Main Street honored the Town of Plainfield with the 2011 Indiana Main Street Best Design of Downtown Public Improvements Award during the statewide Indiana Main Street Conference, held at Alice's Restaurant in Arcadia, Indiana. The Indiana Main Street Program is managed by the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA).

"Congratulations to the Town of Plainfield on this well-deserved award," said Lt. Governor Skillman, who oversees OCRA. These downtown revitalization efforts are helping promote economic activity in their community."

The Town of Plainfield rehabilitated fifteen historic commercial facades and completed a streetscape project in the heart of the community. The improvements have created a safer environment for pedestrians and motorists and a more visually attractive downtown area. Six businesses have since relocated into the newly improved buildings following project completion, and more are expected to follow. The Town Center had a 40 percent vacancy rate before the improvements; currently only two buildings remain unoccupied, one of which is currently under interior renovation.

Indiana Main Street was established to provide economic revitalization and professional assistance to participating communities. Indiana Main Street encourages the revitalization and restoration of downtown areas in Indiana cities and towns.

For more information about Indiana Main Street, please visit www.ocra.in.gov/mainstreet.

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